

# ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEDDING MADE

President Wilson and Mrs. Galt  
Will Be Married Shortly  
After 8 This Evening.

## ONLY RELATIVES TO ATTEND

Itinerary of Honeymoon Trip  
Kept Secret Till After Couple  
Leaves Washington.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WASHINGTON, December 17.—Presi-  
dent Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt  
will be married at No. 1208 Twentieth  
Street, this city, to-morrow evening  
shortly after 8 o'clock. They will start  
on the honeymoon about 11, and expect  
to return to the White House not later  
than January 2.

The attentiveness of the European situation  
over the Austrian reply to the  
Ancona note has caused to be aban-  
doned all idea of an extended wedding  
journey through the South. It has  
been decided to spend the time in a  
neighboring State, where the President  
will be in easy communication with the  
State Department.

It will not be permissible, by re-  
quest of the White House, to even  
make the itinerary of this trip public  
until after the couple shall have de-  
parted from Washington.

The plans for the ceremony at which  
Dr. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St.  
Margaret's Episcopal Church, will offi-  
ciate, were completed to-day. The  
simplicity of the arrangements will de-  
scribe all but members of the immedi-  
ate families from witnessing the nup-  
tials.

On this account no arrangements  
have been made in Washington for  
holiday festivities. The jewelry store  
on Pennsylvania Avenue, which is  
owned by Mrs. Galt, will not even be  
closed.

There will be only about twenty-  
seven guests, and the family line has  
been drawn with such strictness that  
not even Colonel E. M. House will be  
there.

## MEMBERS OF FAMILIES

### ONLY GUESTS TO ATTEND

Of the President's family there will  
be his three daughters, Miss Margaret  
Wilson, Mrs. Frances B. Sayre and  
Mrs. William G. McAdoo, his son-in-  
law, Secretary of the Treasury, Mc-  
Adoo, Joseph Wilson, the President's  
brother, with Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Anne  
Howe, a sister, with her daughter, Mrs.  
Cotman, and granddaughter, little  
Josephine Cotman; Mr. and Mrs. G.  
Wilson Howe, the first named being a  
nephew of the President.

The bride's family will be repre-  
sented by her mother, Mrs. William H.  
Bolling, three sisters, Miss Bertha  
Bolling, Mrs. Alexander H. Galt and  
Mrs. Matthew H. Maury of Annapolis.  
Also Mrs. Galt's five brothers, John  
Randolph Bolling, Richard Wilmer  
Bolling, and Julian H. Bolling, of this  
city; Dr. William H. Bolling, of Louis-  
ville, and Bolle Bolling, her brother-in-  
law, Alexander H. Galt, of Wash-  
ington. The wives of the brothers will  
also be present.

Among close friends of the bride  
couple present will be Dr. Grayson,  
Miss Helen Woodrow Jones and Miss  
Alice Gertrude Gordon.

Other unofficial guests will be Mrs.  
Galt's aged negro "mammy" and other  
old servants of the Bolling family from  
Wyntheville, Va.

Mrs. Galt spent the day quietly at  
home talking over the wedding ar-  
rangements with her mother. The  
President devoted the morning to a  
final cleaning up of his official duties.  
He conferred with several Senators,  
in addition to a long conference with  
Secretary of the Interior Franklin K.  
Lane.

## PRESIDENT AND FIANCÉE

### INSPECT DECORATIONS

The President called at the home of  
his fiancée immediately after noon, and  
remained for luncheon. They inspected  
and approved the decorations, over  
which a corps of florists have been  
working for two days. Palms and  
ferns, which form the outline of the  
floral scheme, are already in place, and  
the blossoms will be added to-morrow.

The bower of ferns and palms will  
be decorated with exquisite orchids  
from the White House conservatory.  
Just in front of this has been erected  
the altar prescribed by the canons of  
the Episcopal Church, and it is here  
that the President and his bride will  
stand and kneel while the minister  
reads the prayer and repeats the simple  
service by which the future first lady  
of the land will be dedicated to "love,  
honor and obey" her husband.

In the capacity of bridegroom, the  
President wishes to be known as plain  
"Woodrow Wilson," and the announce-  
ment cards will describe him as such.  
When the President called at Mrs.  
Galt's home to-day a battery of photog-  
raphers, who had been on watch since  
early morning, greeted him. He made  
an attempt to stop the onslaught by  
raising his hand in protest, but the  
photographers were persistent, and re-  
fused to abandon the job until shoed  
away by Secret Service men.

One of the Secret Service men re-  
mains on guard near the entrance to  
Mrs. Galt's home night and day.

## PRIZED WEDDING GIFT

### COMES FROM WYTHEVILLE

Among the wedding presents, which  
will occupy a conspicuous place in Mrs.  
Galt's apartments at the White House,  
are handsomely framed miniatures of  
her father and mother, painted by Miss  
Ellen Douglas Stuart, and presented to  
the bride by the citizens of Wythe-  
ville. Another gift received to-day  
was a Sevres vase, signed by a famous  
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# Five Dead in Wreck on B. & O. Railroad

Fatal Rear-End Collision Occurs  
in Dense Fog. Two Miles  
South of Chester.

CHESTER, PA., December 17.—Five  
persons were killed and eleven injured,  
one probably fatally, in a rear-end col-  
lision between an accommodation train  
bound from Wilmington to Chester and  
a train of empty express cars on the  
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to-night  
at Felton, two miles south of this city.

Two of the dead were employees of  
the railroad and two were negro pas-  
sengers, whose bodies have not been  
identified. Daniel Challenger, a pas-  
senger, of Philadelphia, was the fifth  
victim.

Of the injured, Otto Phillips, of  
Philadelphia, had his skull fractured.  
His recovery is doubtful.

The accident was due, according to  
railroad officials, to dense fog, which  
made it impossible for the engineer  
to see the signals. The accommodation  
train was standing at Felton station,  
when the other train crashed into it.  
All three coaches of the accommoda-  
tion train were telescoped, and the engine  
hurled down an embankment. Most of  
the passengers were workmen in mu-  
nition plants at Wilmington. They  
were thrown in all directions. The  
three wooden coaches were reduced al-  
most to kindling wood. Seats and  
other parts of the coaches were found  
several hundred feet away.

A moment after the accident an ex-  
press train from Baltimore to Phila-  
delphia crashed into the wreckage, but  
little damage was done. Traffic was  
halted for several hours.

## NEW RECORD FOR EXPORTS

Shipments Out of New York Harbor  
During November Reach Total  
of \$188,636,458.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Exports  
valued at \$188,636,458, by far the largest  
volume ever shipped from an American  
port during a single month, left New  
York harbor during November, accord-  
ing to statistics announced at the  
custom-house to-day.

Custom officials were surprised to  
learn that during November the im-  
ports at this port were \$57,666,815,  
about \$22,000,000 greater than the Oc-  
tober imports.

An overwhelming proportion of the  
total exports went to Great Britain,  
France or Russia, although the statis-  
tics show that South American trade  
made a material increase during the  
month.

Munitions, iron and steel products  
and foodstuffs were the chief items  
exported.

## FORD PARTY PROCEEDS

Allowed to Go On to Kristiania After  
Captain of Ship Gives Guarantees  
Concerning Portion of Cargo.

LONDON, December 17.—Announce-  
ment was made by the Foreign Office  
to-night that the steamship Oscar II,  
having on board the Ford peace party,  
has proceeded on her voyage to Kristi-  
ania. The steamship was taken into  
the port of Kirkwall by the British au-  
thorities. Guarantees were required  
that certain parts of the cargo be re-  
turned to England.

The captain gave a bond to return  
to England the part of the cargo in  
question, which has been declared con-  
traband.

Henry Ford made an urgent request  
that the steamship be allowed to pro-  
ceed. He told the British authorities  
he believed he could arrange peace if  
permitted to visit neutral countries.

## ENTITLED TO BE MEMBERS

Attempt to Oust Sir Edgar Speyer and  
Sir Ernest Cassel From Privy Council  
Because of German Birth Falls.

LONDON, December 17.—The attempt  
to deprive Sir Edgar Speyer and Sir  
Ernest Cassel of membership in the  
Privy Council on account of their Ger-  
man birth has been defeated. The Lord  
Chief Justice, Baron Reading, who has  
had the matter under advisement since  
arguments were concluded a month  
ago, delivered his judgment to-day. He  
declared Sir Edgar and Sir Ernest, as  
naturalized British subjects, and as  
rights and privileges of British sub-  
jects, and therefore were entitled  
to be members of the Privy Council.

## BANDITS KILLED IN FIGHT

City Detective Also Seriously Wounded  
Following Attempted Hold-Up  
of Saloon in St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, MINN., December 17.—  
Two bandits were killed, a third seri-  
ously injured, and a city detective, sus-  
tained serious wounds in a gun fight  
to-night followed an attempted  
hold-up in a saloon in an outlying dis-  
trict.

A series of saloon robberies caused  
the local authorities to place a number  
of plain-clothes men on guard at out-  
lying saloons, and two detectives were  
in the saloon when the three hold-up  
men entered. They immediately opened  
fire, killing two of the bandits and  
fatally wounding the third.

## KITCHENER NOT TO WED

Private Secretary Officially Announces  
That Report of Engagement  
Is Untrue.

LONDON, December 17.—It was of-  
ficially announced to-day by the pri-  
vate secretary to Earl Kitchener, Brit-  
ish Secretary of War, that the engage-  
ment of Earl Kitchener to the Dowager  
Countess of Minto, was untrue.

## German Patrol Boat Wrecked.

LONDON, December 17.—The German  
patrol boat Bunz was wrecked on the  
Island of Langeland, in the Baltic  
Sea, says a dispatch to the Exchange  
Telegraph Company from Copenhagen.  
The bodies of several German officers  
were found on the shore, it is added.

# PEOPLE TO ELECT CHARTER-MAKERS

Committee Approves Civic Asso-  
ciation's Plan for Commission  
of Seven Members.

## APPROACHES END OF WORK

Citizen Member Bemiss Criticizes  
Committee and Is Taken to  
Task by Pollard

By a vote of 6 to 1, Alderman Chris-  
tian alone voting in the negative, the  
Council Charter-Change Committee last  
night approved a resolution introduced  
by Charles V. Meredith applying to the  
General Assembly for the enactment of  
a law extending to Richmond the right  
to elect a commission which shall have  
authority to frame a new charter to be  
submitted to the people for ratification  
and, if approved by the voters, to be  
put into force by the Legislature with-  
out reference to the Council.

Substantially, the resolution provides  
for the charter commission bill asked  
for by the Civic Association. The only  
departure of moment from the asso-  
ciation's measure is an amendment pro-  
viding that the election for the selection  
of the commission shall take place  
only when a number of qualified voters  
equal to 25 per cent of the voters qual-  
ified to participate in the last preceding  
general election shall sign a petition  
asking for it.

## ENLARGES REQUIRED

### NUMBER OF PETITIONERS

The Civic Association's bill required  
the petition to be signed by only 15 per  
cent of the voters. The resolution as  
passed provides for a commission of  
seven members to be elected by the  
people at an election called in the  
manner described. Thus chosen, the  
commission is to prepare a new charter,  
which is to be submitted to the voters  
at a special election to be called for  
the purpose. It approved by a ma-  
jority of the voters participating in  
the election, the proposed new char-  
ter is to go to the General Assembly,  
which will have the power to pass a  
bill declaring the charter to be the new  
form of government for the city of  
Richmond.

Having passed the charter commis-  
sion resolution, the committee, after a  
short parley, approved a charter  
amendment offered by Thomas B. Mc-  
Adams providing for the election of  
members of the Administrative Board  
singly. In order to make this possi-  
ble, the terms of the members are in-  
finite, the terms of the members are in-  
creased from four to five years. The  
amendment is so drawn that the term  
of no present member of the board is  
affected.

## DISCUSSES SUGGESTIONS

### AS TO GRANTING FRANCHISES

The committee discussed briefly an  
amendment offered by Leon Waller-  
stein providing for the submission to  
the people of franchise grants to pub-  
lic service corporations. It was the  
prevailing opinion that the issue in-  
volved was too far-reaching to be dis-  
posed of without mature consideration,  
and the committee voted for Mr.  
Wallerstein's motion that his resolu-  
tion be referred to the City Attorney  
with the request that he put it in  
proper legal form with such amend-  
ments and restrictions as are deemed  
pertinent.

Having disposed of everything on its  
docket, the committee adopted unani-  
mously a resolution introduced by Al-  
derman Christian directing the City  
Attorney to prepare as expeditiously  
as possible a final and complete draft  
of all the charter amendments it has  
ratified, and incorporate them in a bill  
to be reported to the Council, and  
through that body to the General As-  
sembly for passage.

Except for the Wallerstein franchise  
amendment, the committee's work is  
finished. It adjourned at 11:15 o'clock  
to meet again at the call of the chair-  
man, the clerk shall have notified him  
that he has received from the City  
Attorney the completed draft of the  
amendments.

## PLEASED AT PASSAGE OF

### CHARTER COMMISSION SCHEME

Civic Association members who were  
in attendance last night expressed  
their satisfaction, after adjournment,  
at the committee's approval of the  
charter commission plan. Having suf-  
fered defeat in every attempt that it  
has made to guide the committee in its  
path of reform, members of the Civic  
Association took deep comfort from the  
success of the charter commission  
measure, through which the association  
hopes to obtain, in proper time, gov-  
ernmental reforms more in keeping  
with its views.

Contrary to predictions for some  
time current, the committee failed at  
the last moment to rescind its action  
placing the Fire Department under the  
control and direction of the Mayor. As  
the proposed new charter now stands,  
both this department and the Police  
Department will be under the Mayor's  
direction. The Health Department,  
originally also placed under the Mayor,  
was at a recent meeting shifted to the  
control of the Administrative Board.

## ENLARGE SUPERVISORY

### POWERS OF MAYOR

Besides the changes already referred  
to, the committee has approved a new  
life tenure for members of the Police  
and Fire Department, and a consider-  
able enlargement of the Mayor's su-  
pervisory and disciplinary powers as re-  
gards to all officers and heads of de-  
partments, whether under his imme-  
diate control or not.

The only other reform of importance  
approved by the committee is a tight-  
ening of the budget-making machin-  
ery. Prohibiting the appropriation in  
the budget ordinance of more than 55  
per cent of the revenues of the current  
fiscal year, and requiring the remain-  
ing 5 per cent to be set aside as an  
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# CHICHESTER GIVEN FULL VINDICATION

House Committee Reports Ad-  
versely on All Nine Counts  
of Powell Charges.

## ALL MEMBERS SIGN REPORT

Chairman Oliver Makes Supple-  
mental Indorsement as to Ap-  
pointment of Frayser.

Judge R. H. L. Chichester is given a  
clean bill of health by the special com-  
mittee of the House of Delegates ap-  
pointed to investigate the charges made  
against the presiding judge of the Fif-  
teenth Judicial Circuit by Delegate  
Samuel P. Powell of Spotsylvania.

The investigating body completed the  
draft of the report at noon yesterday,  
and its contents were at once made pub-  
lic by Chairman Walter Tansil Oliver.  
All of the members signed the report,  
which amounts to complete vindication  
for Judge Chichester. It is shown,  
however, that Chairman Oliver dis-  
sented on one point in the findings.  
He holds that Judge Chichester violated  
the Constitution when he appointed F.  
L. Frayser, a deputy treasurer, to the  
Electoral Board of Spotsylvania County,  
but admits that this offense was un-  
intentional, the jurist having been un-  
aware that Frayser held the office  
when he appointed him to the Elec-  
toral Board. The paper filed by Mr.  
Oliver is merely supplementary to the  
unanimous report.

The final paragraph of the report,  
signed by all the members of the in-  
vestigating body, reads: "We doubt if  
there is a single member of the Judi-  
ciary who can show a cleaner record  
on the bench than Judge Chichester,  
according to the evidence in the in-  
vestigation."

## POWELL CHARGES ARE

### DIVIDED INTO NINE COUNTS

The charges filed by Delegate Powell  
contained nine alleged offenses: "con-  
travention of fairness, equity and  
justice," as follows:

1. That Judge Chichester was actuated  
by partisan politics in making  
appointments.
2. That he violated statute laws in  
making appointments by naming party  
associates.
3. Appointing men to position who  
already held office, thus violating the  
Constitution.
4. Permitting attorneys practicing in  
his court to traffic in matters pending  
in his court.
5. Charging and accepting per diem  
compensation for holding terms of court,  
when not actually holding court.
6. Partisan action in the trial of  
cases.
7. Nepotism.
8. Naming persons for positions with-  
out properly informing himself, and  
after consulting only a few persons.
9. Partisan bias in naming election  
officials.

## EACH SPECIFICATION IS

### MARKED "NOT SUSTAINED"

The report of the investigators  
marks each of these charges "Not sus-  
tained," and in several instances such  
reference to charges are made as  
"Not a scintilla of evidence to sustain  
this charge" and "No evidence what-  
ever tending to sustain the truthfulness  
of this charge or any of the specifi-  
cations."

The evidence and argument were  
heard in Fredericksburg by the com-  
mittee and preparation of the report  
and findings was begun here December  
5. While no full and accurate state-  
ment showing the cost of the investiga-  
tion to the State was available yester-  
day, it is estimated that it amounts to  
little less than \$1,000.

More than 300 witnesses were sum-  
moned before the investigating com-  
mittee at Fredericksburg, and about  
half of that number were in the wit-  
ness chair. The committee consisted  
of Walter T. Oliver (chairman), John  
W. Stephenson, E. V. Barley, T. C.  
Commis and L. E. Spatie. Chairman  
Oliver and Messrs. Barley and Spatie  
will not be members of the next House  
of Delegates.

## NO GROUND WHATEVER

### FOR ADVERSE ACTION

Summarizing its report, the commit-  
tee says:

"After considering very carefully all  
of the charges and specifications, and  
the evidence introduced on behalf of  
and against the said charges and the  
briefs filed by opposing counsel, your  
committee is unanimously of the opinion  
that there is no ground whatever for  
any adverse action by the General As-  
sembly of Virginia or by the House of  
Delegates against Honorable R. H. L.  
Chichester, judge of the Fifteenth  
Judicial Circuit."

"The evidence establishes beyond  
question that Judge Chichester is a  
pure and upright jurist; that he has  
conducted the business in his various  
courts in an eminently fair and im-  
partial manner, absolutely devoid of  
bias towards or against attorneys and  
litigants; that his appointments have  
all been actuated by the highest mo-  
tives, and that he has not participated  
in politics since his elevation to the  
bench, except to vote in a fact, that he  
has always refrained even from dis-  
cussing political matters."

## SENATOR SHIVELY ILL

Reported as Being in Critical Condition,  
as Result of Affection of  
Throat.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SOUTH BEND, IND., December 17.—  
United States Senator L. E. Shivelly, of  
South Bend, according to intimate  
friends in this city, is again in a criti-  
cal condition, as a result of an affec-  
tion of the throat. This information  
is verified by announcement from  
Washington to-day that the Senator  
has left his hotel, and is now being  
cared for in Providence Hospital.  
Since returning to Washington for  
Congress, Senator Shivelly has not been  
able to attend the sessions.

# CONGRESS BEGINS CHRISTMAS RECESS

Senate Adopts Measure Passed  
by House Extending Emer-  
gency Revenue Law.

## LIVELY PARTISAN DEBATE

After Holidays Administration  
Legislative Program Will Be  
Taken Up in Earnest.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—Con-  
gress adjourned to-night for the  
Christmas holidays, after the Senate  
had adopted the joint resolution, which  
passed the House yesterday, extending  
the emergency revenue law one year,  
or until December 31, 1916. The Sen-  
ate adopted the resolution after a  
lively partisan debate by a vote of 15  
to 29, Democrats supporting it solidly  
and Republicans unanimously opposing  
it. President Wilson signed the measure  
to-night.

Both houses will reconvene at noon  
on Tuesday, January 4, when the ad-  
ministration legislative program, in-  
cluding plans for national defense, will  
be undertaken in earnest. It is the  
understanding that the revenue law  
will be taken up for amendment in  
order to increase the revenues as soon  
after the holidays as possible.

Upon the adjournment to-night there  
was a general exodus of members for  
their homes. The day in Congress was  
devoted to speeches on national de-  
fense. Discussion in the Senate re-  
solved itself into a tariff argument.  
Republicans assailing the Underwood  
law as inadequate, and condemning the  
general fiscal policy of the adminis-  
tration.

## UNDERWOOD UPHOLDS LAW

### WHICH BEARS HIS NAME

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, in  
his first Senate speech, vigorously up-  
held the law which bears his name, and  
challenged Republicans to compare it  
with the Payne-Aldrich tariff.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the  
Finance Committee, in response to  
questions from the Republicans, said  
he understood it to be the administra-  
tion's plan to propose further revenue  
legislation after the holidays, and that  
his impression was there would be no  
issuance of bonds to defray increased  
government expenses.

Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania,  
who led in the minority attack on the  
resolution, interrupted Senator Under-  
wood's speech to draw a picture of  
idle men in his State during his cam-  
paign for reelection last year. He  
said the present prosperity in the steel  
business was due to the war and im-  
mense purchases by belligerent govern-  
ments.

"The Senator from Pennsylvania,"  
said Senator Underwood, in reply, "has  
made clear his belief, then, that the  
depression which followed the terror  
of the first few months of the war was  
due entirely to the Democratic adminis-  
tration, but that the present prosper-  
ity alone is due to the war."

## CLEARLY DEFINES ISSUES

### BETWEEN TWO GREAT FACTIONS

"This discussion to-day, while not  
illuminative on the fiscal condition of  
the country, has clearly defined the  
issues between the two great parties  
on questions of legislation. Mr. Pen-  
rose said we are committing a crime  
against the American people by re-  
taining the custom-house in the steel  
industry, but that the present prosper-  
ity alone is due to the war."

Revenues were greater in the first  
year of the present tariff law, he added,  
than in the last year of the Payne law.

Senator Penrose insisted that the  
war had been a political blessing to  
the Democratic party rather than a  
handicap to the successful working out  
of its long-sought policy.

"The Treasury deficit, which is  
blamed on the European war," he said,  
"would, in my opinion, be a thousand  
times worse were it not for the war  
in Europe. The war in Europe has  
been the only cause which has saved  
the fiscal policy of the party now in  
power from the most gigantic collapse  
ever witnessed in a civilized country."

I believe that if we had not had the  
war in Europe we would have had the  
blackest times in the history of the  
American republic, compared to which  
the depression under Cleveland's second  
administration and under the Wilson-  
Gorman law would have been insignifi-  
cant."

## WILLARD LEAVES MADRID

For Some Time During War Between  
States in Charge of Tredegar  
Iron Works at Richmond.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Baltimore, Md., December 17.—  
William L. Pettit, who was for years  
associated with a big shipbuilding firm  
here, died last evening at his home  
here, after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Pettit was a veteran of the War  
Between the States. At the beginning  
of that struggle he entered the Con-  
federate army in the Light Artillery  
Regiment of Norfolk. He was for a time  
in charge of the Tredegar Iron Works  
at Richmond, where the Confederate  
government manufactured a large part  
of its ammunition. Later he saw ac-  
tive service before Richmond, and was  
given the rank of captain.

A widow, who was Miss Martha J.  
Cook, of Norfolk, and six children sur-  
vive. Two of these, William S. and  
Clarence Pettit, live in Richmond.

## WILLARD LEAVES MADRID

United States Ambassador to Spain  
Will Make Visit to United  
States.

MADRID, December 16 (delayed).—  
Captain Joseph E. Willard, United  
States ambassador to Spain, will leave  
to-night for Bordeaux, where he will  
embark on the steamer Rochambeau  
for the United States.

# Allies Not Hampered on Way to Saloniki

Although the Bulgarians have  
halted at the Greek frontier and are  
permitting the entire allied force to  
move unhindered toward their base at  
Saloniki, unofficial advices would in-  
dicate that Germany is dissatisfied  
with the Macedonian port being  
used to harbor her enemies. The  
German minister at Athens is said  
to have told the Greek Premier that  
the construction of fortifications at  
Saloniki would compel Germany to  
take action to drive out the allied  
forces there. The Premier is re-  
ported as having said that Greece  
would not allow the Bulgarians on  
Greek soil. Whether he included  
Germans and Austro-Hungarian  
forces was not mentioned.

On the other fronts there is  
scarcely any fighting.

## GERMANS PREPARING NEW

### STROKES ON BOTH FRONTS

At Least, Are Concentrating Their  
Forces to Strike When Condi-  
tions Become Favorable.

At Balkans, Diplomats of Greece and  
Roumania Are Engaged in New  
Deals Which Will Decide Next  
Step in Operations.

LONDON, December 17.—While the  
diplomats in Greece and Roumania are  
engaged in new deals which will de-  
cide the next step in the Balkan opera-  
tions, there is increasing evidence that  
the Germans, ever restive, are prepar-  
ing new strokes on both the eastern  
and western fronts, or at least a con-  
centration of their forces to strike  
when conditions are propitious.

Dispatches from Petrograd note Ger-  
man activity, particularly in the  
Dvinsk district, which would accord  
with the German ambition to reach the  
line of the Dvina River, while all at-  
tempts from neutral countries mention  
a continued movement of men and guns  
to the west. In the latter theater of  
operation, it seems only a question at  
what points the offensive is to be  
taken.

Many persons believe that the Ger-  
mans, having found the lines in  
France and Belgium too hard to  
crack, contemplate moving in the St.  
Mihiel region, where